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LOUISIANA NEXT TEST FOR DIVISION

ENGINEERS ARE ON ALERT FOR LOUISIANA DEPARTURE

The 106th Combat Engineers have been put on the alert! The caution light has been turned on for about 865 engineers by Colonel Harry Hulen, regimental commander. Sometime Tuesday, 31st Division headquarters is expected to turn on the green light, at which time the trucks will start to roll out of Camp Blanding.

All of which means that the first contingent of Dixie soldiers will be on their way to Louisiana, where during the months of August and September the annual war games will be held in the lowlands and over the rolling hills of the middle of the Pelican state.

It is the duty of the engineers to go in advance of the other troops for the purpose of building new roads, rebuilding impassable highways, bridging streams and reconstructing old structures, building showers, stockades, and the hundred of other tasks which are necessary to take care of thousands of troops and to make it possible for those men to be transported safely and quickly from Florida, through Alabama and Mississippi, and then to Louisiana.

The ultimate objective of the engineers is the little settlement of Breezy Hill, which is about 30 miles north of Camp Livingston. There the engineers will bivouac, branching out daily into the Louisiana woods for their construction and repair duties.

For many of the engineers, though they realize it will mean lots of work, the trip next week to Louisiana will be a welcomed homecoming. Some of the troops, and many of the officers, are either from Louisiana or adjacent cities in Mississippi. The approximately 200 enlisted engineers (or selectees) and 665 National Guardsmen are all going to Louisiana by truck convoy. Only seven engineers (one for each company) are being left behind in Blanding to act as guards, in addition to about 17 who are either going to be discharged soon or who are in the camp hospital.

Up to the time The Dixie went to press, the engineers hadn't received any definite word of the exact departure time. Colonel Hulen has his charges on the alert, cleaning all their equipment, scrubbing out company quarters, packing machinery which will not be used between now and Tuesday, generally getting things in shape for a rapid movement. The engineers' commanding officer said that all the men should make the trip in four days, or five days at the most, which will put them in Louisiana either next Friday or Saturday.

The only thing which isn't going by truck is a huge grader, (Continued on page three)

Corps Officers Are Instructed By 106th Q. M.

Fourth Army Corps men will be instructed in the maintenance and operation of a railroad for the dispensing of supplies by officials of the 106th Quartermaster Regiment. Col. J. H. Spangler, Quartermaster for our Division, is personally supervising the courses of instruction which were inaugurated yesterday. Seventy-four regular Army men are attending these classes.

Methods and means of conducting a railroad to supply the many troops which will make the long trip to the Louisiana area will be the task of Col. Spangler, who, because of his long experience in Quartermaster work, will be able to draw upon his many experiences in instructing the men. Captain Julian F. Pfaff, divisional supply officer, and 2nd Lt. Charles F. Riggie, of the divisional supply office, will instruct the men.

Both Capt. Pfaff and Lt. Riggie have been conducting the distribution of supplies for the men of the 31st Division both at their home station, Camp Blanding, and while in the field. Operations of this office reached a high point of efficiency this week for the various units of the 31st in the Ocala National Forest where many types of problems were encountered. The course will last about one month, terminating before the movement to Louisiana.

156th May Adopt Regimental Crest

The only regiment in the Division not to have an insignia of its own, the 156th Infantry, may soon have one. It is reported by officers of the regiment that Lt. Col. Frank P. Stubbs, commander of the unit's third battalion, while on leave in New Orleans is checking on the regiment's history, the completeness of which is the only thing keeping the men from having an insignia.

Finance Section Gives Field Pay For First Time

The Finance Section of the 31st Division completed its first pay day in the field on July 3rd. Nearly a million dollars was distributed to officers and men for June pay. A welcome sight to the soldiers in the Ocala National Forest was the convoy of trucks and guards carrying the Division Finance Officer and field safes full of money from the Federal Reserve Bank in Jacksonville to the tent office of the Finance Officer, set up on the edge of Lake Kerr. The safes were quickly unloaded and large bags of money were distributed to Agent Officers; soon the office looked like a counting room in a large bank, money everywhere.

The Finance Section of the Division is under the direction of Lt. Col. J. F. Cogdell, from Birmingham, Ala., who has been division Finance Officer since 1924. Assisting him are Capt. J. L. Crane and 2nd Lt. C. C. Metcalf, both from Montgomery. Capt. Crane at present is attending the Finance School at Camp Holabird, Md. There are 20 enlisted men in the section. Master Sergeant Frank Cogdell, Technical Sergeant Frank A. Wilkinson, Jr., Staff Sergeants Miles A. Copeland, Jr., Hugh P. Yarbber and George B. Hanlin; Pvt. 1st Class James C. Cain, Robert W. Craig, Geo. A. Smith, Sam Brown, George A. Echols, Frank G. McGwier, William E. Sanders, Foster M. Sizemore, Thomas V. Thompson, William T. Partridge, William J. Ferguson, Jack A. Salley, Jr., Bailey M. Santa Cruz, Joseph A. Santa Cruz, Jr., and James H. Vaughan. These men are trained in banking, accounting and office work.

The organization of the section is like a large bank, administration, pay and mileage, commercial accounts and accounting being its main sub-sections. The details of handling the pay and allowances are enormous with a division strength approximating 18,000 men and 1,000 officers. One (Continued on page four)

Nine-Lived Reporter Evades War's Dangers

Even if Reporter Gene Thatcher has nine lives, he's almost dead now.

The other day Private Thatcher, who is attached to the 106th Engineers and the 106th Medics, started out bright and early to locate engineer headquarters. During his walk of several miles, here's all that happened to the vandering scribe:

Ran right into a gas attack when, upon hearing the sound of a klaxon, figured it might be a truck horn in the midst of the engineers' encampment.

After further reconnoitering, the scribe walked into an artillery danger zone, and was quickly destroyed by several giant shells before being chased away.

Crossed the path of advancing infantrymen at a time when said infantrymen were dodging a gas attack and moving up quickly to the front—and the front is no place for the press.

April Fool!

It was two days after payday for Private Godfrey Boudreaux of the 106th Medical Regiment, and like all soldiers two days after payday Private Boudreaux had the look of one who was again stone broke. An automobile whizzed by, a child in it took a quick glance at Boudreaux, and threw a wallet out to him. Boudreaux fell over himself clambering for what looked to him like a wad of easy money. It was a wallet all right, but the only thing in it was a lucky charm piece. Now Boudreaux has to wait until next payday to give the wallet the appearance of possessing something.

Correct Addresses Must Be Given

Soldiers are urged by the Postal Service to give the following information to correspondents of their address during maneuvers: 1. Grade of soldier. 2. First name, middle name, and last name. 3. Battery and regiment or similar unit numbers. 4. Army post office number (if known). 5. United States postoffice and state. 6. Ragley, La.

Thus a properly addressed letter would read: Pvt. John Doe, Battery E, 117th F. A., 31st Division, Ragley, La.

"Wanta Swap Jobs?" Pvt., Sgt. Asked—Sgt. Decides Not

Said Capt. Percy Still, C. W. S. to a former brother high-school R. O. T. C. officer, now a selectee: "I say—since you only make \$21 per month how would you like to be a sergeant in the Chemical Warfare service?" The selectee could hardly contain his excitement in signifying his satisfaction at such a prospect.

"Sgt. Blank, how would you like to resign your rating so this man can have it," he asked gesturing at the selectee. The sergeant was dumbfounded as was the selectee until the captain's best poker expression turned into a grin.

Gomez Scores Easy Victory

Private Tommy Gomez, Florida's leading heavyweight fighter now serving in the 116th Field Artillery's Medical Detachment, added more laurels to his rapidly growing reputation as a professional boxer in Miami Wednesday night, July 2. He kayoed Mickey Dugan, of Cleveland, Ohio, late in the second round with a terrific left hook to Dugan's jaw. It was the first time in his career that Dugan had suffered a knockout.

117th F. A. Worships In Ocala Forest

Church services were held Sunday morning, July 6, for the 117th F. A., while encamped in the Ocala National Forest. The services were conducted by Major Victor Hovis, regimental chaplain, music being furnished by the artillery band.

REPORTER ASSIGNED TO GENERAL DESCRIBES HIS WORK IN FIELD

By Private George H. Siegel I have been watching the General work. For the past few months I have been with him on command post exercises, overnight problems and on the trek to the Ocala National Forest. I have seen that he probably works harder than any man in the Division; that he is on the job from Reveille to retreat and often longer; that, between you and me, he is in better physical condition than most of us; that he is a real soldier.

One of the first things which impresses an observer is the General's attention to and familiarity with each and every detail involved in the problem at hand. On making a reconnaissance tour, General Persons frequently has his car stopped to question a soldier—be he guide, guard or sentry—as to what his duties are, and if the soldier isn't certain, the General patiently informs him. Or it might be an officer who is interrogated by the "C. G."—for General Persons insists that every man, whatever his rank, knows his particular job.

The General has undoubtedly a remarkable sense for geographical detail and a keen memory, for he moves to every part of a maneuver area with hardly an incorrect turn and by the most direct routes. Strangeness and difficulties of the terrain offer not the slightest obstacle. At Ocala I

Division Returns From Ocala

Tough Fight Slated For Tommy Gomez

Tommy Gomez, the 116th Field Artillery's 185 pounds of right hand, lightning is slated to meet Buddy Scott, Washington D. C., heavyweight, Monday night in Tampa. Shooting at another notch in his climb to the top of the heavyweight ranks, the black haired soldier is facing the toughest test of his career.

Scott, recently defeated by Bob Pastor after having the former heavyweight challenger on the floor, is rated as one of the best trial horses in the game. Probably the youngster's last scrap before leaving for maneuvers, the coming battle is causing the fighter's trainer, Peter Leto, no cause for rejoicing. "He'll probably lose this one," says the handler, "but it will be good for him."

Probably the most sensational prospect in the new crop of hopefuls, Tommy has been the object of much publicity lately. Spot magazine featured him in a three page article in the latest issue. Monday's fight will be the chance to really test the powerful punch which has carried Gomez through 33 fights, winning 27 of them by the KO route.

Gomez has been training with Johnny Phagan, colored heavyweight from the 57th Ordnance Company. Colonel Homer W. Hesterly, commander of the 116th has planned to have the young fighter appear in matches in several camps during the coming months.

Watch. Unbroken When Regiment Walks On It

Thousands of feet trampled over Private Curtis Tucker's wrist watch, and not even the glass was broke. Private Tucker, who is attached to Company M of the 156th Infantry, lost his watch during the bivouac movements to Ocala National Forest, and found it undamaged despite the fact that regiments of infantrymen had marched over it.

Ocala Maneuvers Past; Soldiers Prepare For 50-Day Stay In Louisiana

"Louisiana, Here We Come"—that is the battlecry of the Dixie Division's 19,000 men, now that the 12-day exercise which took them deep into the Ocala National Forest is a matter of history. Friday all day they streamed back into Camp, their trek having again proved their ability to do a hard job well.

Shirts Must Be Worn By Dixie Personnel

Major-Gen. John C. Persons, commanding officer of the 31st Division, requests the attention of all officers and men to an official Army order which makes the wearing of shirts while men are on duty or in public places mandatory. Many instances of the disregard of this order were noticed on the Ocala National Forest exercise, and all soldiers are directed to adhere to the order without fail.

Gas Is Real McCoy 117th F. A. Discovers

Officers of every battery in the 117th F. A. will rest assured that when their men face another "gas attack," during a combat problem, they will respond speedily to the alarm. During the problem Monday morning the gas alarm was sounded throughout the regiment. A great number of soldiers were slow in getting into the protecting masks, still others were caught without them. As the gas containers burst throughout the regimental area the white smoke-like substance began to spread. The men learned in one tear-jerking gasp that the substance was not the smoke they'd practiced with but was, instead, the real McCoy, tear gas! After this, the first alarm of the day, every man was careful to have his mask within reach and to don it hurriedly with the horn gave forth its' screaming warning, "Gas!"

Retiring 1st Sgt. Receives Present

Company D of the 106th Medical Regiment has lost its top sergeant. Guy E. Bennett has gone home to New Orleans after serving approximately nineteen years. Upon his departure, Sergeant Bennett was given a wallet with \$20 in it by his company buddies. Now acting as top kick is Thomas J. Calamia, also of New Orleans.

Co. E of the 156th Infantry regiment also lost its first sergeant but gained a second lieutenant when former Top Kick Charles L. Herbert received his promotion shortly before the Ocala trek. Sgt. Earl Weber becomes new head non-commissioned officer of the Louisiana outfit.

117th Sgt. Still Feels Stimulated From Rest

Sgt. Lex Griffin, Battery F, 117th, is still recovering from one rest period, not enjoyed, that he experienced on the Ocala march. He joined several battery members engaged in conversation, not too cautiously flopped to the ground and immediately arose with most of the needles of a matured prickly-pear implanted where he sat.

Aid was administered by on-lookers.

48 Trucks Received

The Division's 106th Quartermaster Regiment received 48 new trucks last week, boosting the total number to 250, it was revealed by Major Frank V. Barchard, Division Motor Maintenance Officer. The Division as a whole is receiving between 20 and 30 new vehicles daily, he added.

The simulated battle on Monday and Tuesday gave the men an opportunity to display the techniques which they have been absorbing for many months, as the Ocala National Park terrain proved ideal for an exercise employing small units. For the first time trucks were used to imitate tanks, and the soldiers were able to test their anti-tank devices.

Major General John C. Persons expressed himself as well satisfied with the results of the exercise.

"The men proved their fine physical condition and staying power in making the long marches daily with very few men falling by the wayside. On their 72-hour holiday they acted in the main with credit to the organization and service to which they belonged and in turn they were well received by the residents of the various communities which they visited. Again they accredited themselves notably on the problems on Monday and Tuesday. I am very well pleased with the way the entire exercise went off, and with the outstanding work contributed by the 31st Division men."

Major General Jay L. Benedict, commander of the IV Corps was a visitor and observed the maneuver on Monday. General Persons led a critique, attended by over 500 officers, following the conclusion of the problem on Tuesday afternoon. After bivouacking in the areas where the conclusion of the problem found them, the men pitched camp, and the long trek commenced Wednesday morning, the men bivouacking in the same places as on the march out last week.

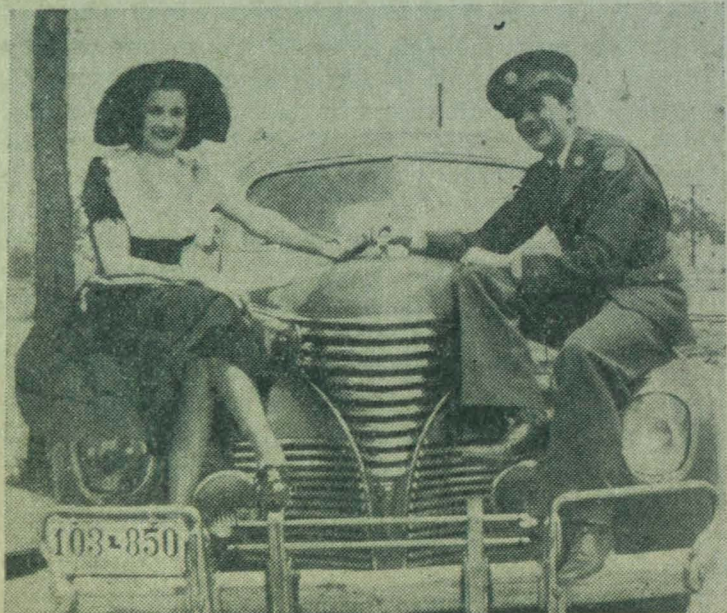
From now until the order to break Camp starting July 26, the Dixie Division men will be busy polishing off the rough spots and completing preparations for the long jaunt to Louisiana.

Soldiers, Due North, At Forks, Drew South

Pvt. Rushing, Battery F, 117th F. A., had his car-load Friday, and was heading home, Sgt. Jackson, Corp. Laney, Pvt. Hughes, Starling, Knotts, and Nelson were his passengers. The soldiers had left Ocala National Forest about one o'clock in the morning and were going home to spend the holidays. Troy, Alabama, their destination is located almost due north of the forest, but something went wrong along the route. The sleepy driver of the automobile, Rushing, had driven for a long period and had passed no familiar landmarks. Sensing that something was wrong he pulled into a filling station and inquired as to his whereabouts. The answer was very surprising! Pvt. Rushing and his load of home bound soldiers were only sixty miles from Tampa, Fla. Rushing had taken the wrong turn somewhere along the route and had been traveling almost due south!

Travel Service Offered

Blanding Travel Service, under the direction of Miss Isabelle Walsh, will be established at the 31st Division Service Club beginning this week it was announced today. The service is designed to arrange for furlough all-expense trips to Miami, Daytona Beach and other points of interest in Florida. Busses for dances and short excursions are also available.



the Heberts but soldier audiences do. This is the 31st Division's most famous dancing team, Ginger left and Hayes (right) Hebert. Hayes belongs to the 156th Infantry by the Selective Service and Ginger to the whole 31st Division by adoption. This brother and sister team, which before numbers were drawn from the fishbowl thrilled audiences on both sides of the Atlantic, now plays to an exclusively soldier audience because they've resolved not to dance before civilians until Hayes is out of the Army.

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WATCH YOUR ACTIONS

Papers all over the country this week carried a story that ridiculed a battalion of soldiers. They were returning from maneuvers in Tennessee by way of Memphis were hot, extremely tired and just a little too glad to be out of the woods. Their disorderly conduct was thoughtless, done in fun doubtlessly, but it brought a nationwide criticism.

Convoing through the southern city and yet 135 miles from their destination they cut loose so to speak. They booed, cat-called, yoo-hahed, whistled and indeed exhibited the whole repertoire of tricks adolescent, ungainly, unsoldierly. A performance that doesn't endear one, or many, to a reviewing public.

They were particularly boisterous as they rolled by one of the city's golf courses. There they spied a bevy of female players, clad in shorts. Joy was unconfined. They focused their concert on the embarrassed young ladies. Hardly noticed was a tall, solitary male golfer. Just enough to toss of a "fore" and "hey, buddy, don't you need a caddy?" or so. But this was enough for this particular gentleman, this and the other action he had witnessed. He halted the convoy, called forth its officers, and ordered that the unit should proceed to camp, gas up, and return immediately for another try at convoing through a city. The player was Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commander of the 2nd Army. The battalion is now known as the "Doghouse Battalion."

Another division, the 31st, leaves shortly for its maneuvers, one unit as early as July 15th. It too will pass through city, village, town. The towns of course will be peopled with folks anxious to see the nation's soldiers. Also in probability many pretty girls will be watching, some perhaps in shorts. They will be friendly girls, no doubt willing enough to retur na casual smile, a hand-wave. But like the other group they won't appreciate "yoo-hoo's" and whistles. Furthermore, the towns will be watching for such action.

31st convoys of the past predict that there will be no criticism. Many visits, both for pleasure and in performance of duty, have been made to neighboring cities by the convoy method. Later reports from these cities have been ones of praise, of appreciation for the way a large group of men passed their homes. As a result, relations between soldiers and civilians of the Blanding area are warm, friendly; not on the part of one boorish and crude with a resulting scorn and ridicule from the other.

So we feel sure that the antics of the "Dog House Battalion" won't be duplicated by us. And if for no other reason, our own good. We have learned how to approach people unknown to ourselves. We haven't forgotten that not so very long ago we were civilians.

Also we know that even "southern" hospitality has its bounds.

THEATRE MEMO

Saturday, July 12—"Golden Hoofs," featuring Jane Withers and Charles "Buddy" Rogers; "Meet Boston Blackie," featuring Chester Morris and Rochelle Hudson. Also "There's Music In Your Hair," Phantasy.

Sunday and Monday, July 13 and 14—"Andy Hardy's Private Secretary," featuring Mickey Rooney and Lewis Stone. Also Paramount News.

Tuesday, July 15—"The Devil and Miss Jones," featuring Jean Arthur and Robert Cummings. Also "Hairless Hector" and Paramount News.

Wed., and Thursday, July 16 and 17—"Buck Privates," Bud Abbott and Leo Costello. Also "Sentinels of the Caribbean," "Magic Carpet," and Paramount News.

Friday, July 18—"Night Train," featuring Margaret Lockwood and Rex Harrison. Also "The Sporting Everglades," Grantland Rice Sportlight; and "Eugene the Jeep," Popeye The Sailor.

Saturday, July 18—"Three Men From Texas," featuring William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy; "A Shot In The Dark," featuring William Lundigen and Nan Wynn.

EATING AWAY FROM HOME



Breadline forms on the right. Soldiers quickly form the line part, cooks and K. P.'s furnishing the bread. If cook is known real well, or the K. P.'s a tentmate, well so much the better.

ARMY ARMS AND SERVICES
HAVE NUMEROUS FUNCTIONS

EDITOR'S NOTE:—Continuing last week's article on the organization of the army, the various arms and services and the particular functions of each, the writer describes the Air Corps, Corps of Engineers and Signal Corps, Chemical Warfare Service, Quartermaster Corps in this weeks installment.

The Air Corps maintains ground installations as well as flying units. The basic Air Corps organization is the squadron. The next higher unit is the group; then comes the wing and then the air division.

Air Corps units are divided into the following classifications: combat, reconnaissance, observation, and, liason; transport; and training and special purpose aviation.

Combat aviation consists of bombardment and pursuit units. Bombardment aviation has as its primary purpose the destruction of surface objectives. It consists of light bombardment units (formerly called attack aviation) which is the principal element of GHQ aviation used in direct support of ground forces; and medium and heavy bombardment units which constitute the offensive power of the GHQ striking forces.

Pursuit aviation is designed to protect air and ground forces and installations from attack by hostile aircraft.

Reconnaissance, observation and liason aviation is organized equipped and trained to conduct air reconnaissance, observe fire, gain military information by visual and photographic means and conduct such liason missions as ordered by the organization to which attached or assigned. It consists of reconnaissance, observation and balloon units.

Transport aviation is organized, equipped and trained to carry personnel and cargo.

Training and special purpose aviation is organized, equipped, and trained especially for the training of flying personnel and other special purposes not connected with air operations.

The Corps of Engineers is essentially skilled in all field construction and certain other forms of work designed to, increase the combat effectiveness of troops, facilitate their movements and hinder the movements of the enemy.

For the accomplishment of these purposes the engineers are trained and equipped to perform the following field duties:

1. Insure the availability of routes of communication by the construction maintenance, and repair of roads, railroads and bridges; the supply and construction of floating bridges; the operation of ferry equipment and the construction of landing fields.
2. Deny roads and other approaches to the enemy, by demolitions, mines or other forms of obstructions.
3. Build all structures that require special equipment and training for their construction.
4. Operate all utilities not specifically assigned to some service.
5. Supply general supervision and certain special engineer material to other troops in the construction and camouflage of field works.
6. Supply maps, mapping equipment and all special engineer material.

Engineers are also trained and equipped to take part in combat in case of necessity.

Signal Corps troops install, maintain and operate the signal communications of the large unit to which they are assigned. The control points of this system are the command posts (message centers) and advanced centers of large units.

Signal Corps troops assigned to divisions, corps, and armies

comprise construction units for the installation of wire circuits; operating units for the operation of message centers, messenger service and wire, radio and visual communication; and supply units for the supply of signal equipment. In addition, signal troops assigned to the armies include equipped to support the arms with signal intelligence, photographic and pigeon service of the Army.

While the Chemical Warfare Service is not classed as an arm, chemical troops supplement the arms in employing chemical agents, chemical regiments, separate battalions and separate companies are especially trained and equipped to support the rms with smoke and gas. Chemical depot and maintenance companies provide for the supply and maintenance of Chemical Warfare Service supplies. Other special units are also provided for the decontamination of important areas and chemical field laboratories for the analysis of chemical means and methods employed by the enemy.

The Quartermaster Corps in the theatre of operations is charged with the procurement and distribution of subsistence, clothing and all items of equipment of standard manufacture used by two or more arms or services. It is charged with the direction of all work pertaining to the construction, maintenance and repair of buildings, structures, and utilities other than fortifications; the administration arising from the occupancy of real estate; the transportation of the Army by land and water; and with such other duties as the Secretary of War may prescribe.

Adam Lazonga
At Work Again

As the best "lady killer" in camp, Company I, 167th Infantry nominates Cpl. Ray McKinney. Cpl. McKinney qualified for the nomination recently in Jacksonville. The corporal was talking to a pretty young waitress in a restaurant. So good was his line that the waitress asked to get off from work. The proprietor denied her request upon which the stricken young lady quit her job and walked out on Cpl. McKinney's arm.

"Don't Look Now But
You're On A Snake"

Many tall animal tales have been told by Blanding boys who have come out of the Ocala National Forest—of deer skipping over tents, and snakes as big as pine trees. In Company A of the 106th Medical Regiment, the soldiers took it all as a matter of course. One of the boys was sitting on the ground eating his dinner, and even when a snake crawled towards him, the only warning was a nonchalant: "Don't look now, buddy, but I think I see a snake near you."

Emergency Fund
Adopted Again

Following the lead of other companies of the Division, Co. A, 156th Inf., has set up emergency fund for its members. According to Sgt. Daniel Holiday, who formulated the plan for the company, each man contributes fifty cents which goes into a lump sum to be used only in case of emergency.

Audience Is Receptive,
Till Hat-Passing Time

For sixty miles Sgt. Andrew Smith of Company A, 167th Infantry had conducted a series of revival meetings, looking forward to pay day when he could pass the hat for a collection. Thursday night he waxed forth in his usual eloquent style, even using a public address system to carry his message farther. Finally he concluded what he thought had been his very best "service."

"Now I'll pass the hat for a collection," he said eagerly. "The expenses of this congregation are terrific and I'll need plenty of cigarettes on the return march." He passed the hat and it was returned to him containing fourteen cents and two cigarette butts.

167th Pace Setters
Get Flanking Job

The third battalion, 167th Infantry led the marching column Monday and Wednesday of last week and thus earned a reputation for walking.

"Such is the price of fame," observed Capt. Ollie Mabry, executive officer to the battalion commander Major Charlton Ragsdale, when the battalion received information that they would probably be used in a flanking movement during Monday-Tuesday's problem. "See," the captain continued, "that's what you get for setting such a fast pace on the march." The joke was that it had been Captain Mabry who had done most of the pace setting.

Sleep Longer When
Whistle Won't Blow

Songs have been written about killing the fellow who blows the bugle in the morning, and the soldiers of Company A of the 106th Medical Regiment have a sure-fire way of keeping the whistle from blowing them out of bed. Recently when Corporal James B. Leo stepped out into the company street with his whistle, he huffed and he puffed but no sound came out. Meanwhile, the boys slept serenely on. When Corporal Leo finally pulled out the paper somebody had stuffed into the whistle, the boys had gotten in about 1 minutes extra sleep.

Shows In Starke
Park Theatre

Sun - Mon.—"The Rains Came" starring Myrna Loy and Tyrone Power.

Tues.—"Wildcat Bus" with Fay Wray. Also Artie Shaw's band.

Wed - Thurs.—"Bittersweet" starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy.

Friday—"So This is London" with Benton Churchill.

Saturday—Double Feature—"Dr. Kildare's Crisis," with Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore and (2) "Lone Rider Rides On" with George Huston.

Ritz Theatre

Sun - Mon.—"Blood and Sand" with Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell.

Tues.—Double Feature—(1) "That Uncertain Feeling" with Merle Oberon and Melvyn Douglas. (2) "Little Men."

Wed - Thurs.—"A Girl - A Guy - A Gob," with George Murphy and Lucille Ball.

Friday—Double Feature—(1) "Naval Academy" with Freddie Bartholomew. (2) "I'll Wait For You," with Robert Sterling and Marsha Hunt.

Sat.—Double Feature—(1) "Lucky Devils," with Dick Arlen and Andy Devine (2) "Across the Sierras" with Bill Elliott.



When Acting Transportation Corporal Louis Bradley, of Headquarters Co., 156th Infantry, volunteered for K. P. duty over the three-day Fourth of July holiday in Ocala National Forest, his buddies in the New Orleans company began edging away from him. But, as Bradley explained later, he had three logical reasons for doing so.

First, he had only 75c to spend over the week-end, due to the fact that he planned to send the rest of his paycheck to his wife of three weeks.

Second, he had promised his wife of three weeks that he would remain true to her and was carrying out that pledge.

Third, he had hoped that by volunteering for the job, he would make some newspaper and be able to send the proof in printed form to his wife of three weeks.

As a result, this week Bradley is able to boast that he has 75c, the satisfaction of keeping a promise . . . and a wife of four weeks.

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Pon Lippett, genial genius of the Coca-Cola company, has been with the division since those dreary days when the first disheartened detachments of the Dixie vanguard took a disgusted look at the water and sand slated to be our home. He isn't in the army, but probably knows as much or more about the 31st division than does any soldier in the outfit.

Now he is planning to go even further with his allegiance to the boys from the deep southern states. He is wavering in a decision between sticking to Starke and going with his adopted unit. By popular request, the maestro of the nickle machine is about to decide that the 31st would have small chance at getting cold cokes without him.

No kidding—the guy has certainly seen that the camp had 'em ice cold all the time—and in the meantime has become as much a part of the place as the sand. Every man in the division who knows him is pulling for the powers that be to give the guy who takes a personal interest in his territory the privilege of accompanying the men he has served since their arrival.

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And while we're in a serious and contemplative mood: Have you ever heard someone remark: "I wouldn't have the job of an MP for ten times the pay." Sure you have—plenty of times.

Well, they didn't even know the half of the story. The writer happens to live only a company away from the tents of the military cops and it would do a lot of people good to get to know them. Yep—they are just a bunch of guys who would fit into any company street.

They all have a picture of the girl on the shelf in their tent—they wish they had steak instead of salmon—when night comes, they would rather go to a show or have a date—they don't like to have to stay out in the rain and it gets pretty sleepy when the last stragglers are being pushed off the streets of a town.

They don't like that part of the job either. They all are proud of that little arm band—they are a picked bunch—but it doesn't usually go to their heads as most soldiers think. The MP actually wants to help the boys from his division. This hack has been on the streets in the wee hours on nights when the "Dixie" was going to press and watched them at an evening's work.

It isn't easy to tell a man that he has to leave a place. They try to persuade him if he thinks he is being done wrong. And it is human nature to immediately resent any attempt to direct. The man is immediately inclined to put up an objection. The poor guy with the brassard has always tried tact in every case I've witnessed so far.

He is just another soldier. He doesn't get any more pay than you and he doesn't have the freedom of the average enlisted man. The MP is working the hardest when the balance of the division is playing. He has his orders. If he disobeys them—he'll catch it in the neck. If he carries them out—if he interferes with your pleasure—then he's a heel.

And I've seen them argue, patiently explain and even beg a man who put up an argument rather than use the force they are legally empowered to employ. And they have a dangerous job. The "Dixie" offices are in Special Troops dispensary and every day or two one of them comes in for treatment for a knife cut or a cracked head. They got those because they tried to reason with a man who was too full of resentment to listen to sense. So sometimes they have to use force. But it is darn seldom. You wouldn't hate a soldier from another company for walking guard or doing KP—and they do it—would you? Well—they are doing their jobs—give 'em a little help.

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Little wonder that the eyes of his buddies in Headquarters Company, 156th Inf., popped far out of their heads when they saw Pvt. Ronald Wheat walk down the company street in the bivouac area in Ocala National Forest Sunday afternoon. Word had been received in camp that the victim of a wreck in Jacksonville that morning had been positively identified as the New Orleans soldier. As a result there was a happy reunion between Wheat and his friends when they saw that the infantryman was very much alive.

Officers Leave Soon
For Three-Month Course

Major Charlton Ragsdale and Capt. Ollie Mabry of the 167th Infantry leave Sunday to attend the staff officers' school at Ft. Benning, Ga. Major Ragsdale is executive officer of the third battalion of that regiment while Capt. Mabry commands Company M.

Lt. Col. Harry Smith, command-

ing officer of the third battalion, returned from the Ft. Benning school last week-end. He joined his command at Lake Kerr, leading it on the return march to Camp Blanding.

"It makes me feel good to be leading my outfit again," the colonel stated as he swung along the river road to Orange Springs after having led the battalion's dash across the Oklawaha River.

They Feed And Transport The 31st



The 106th Quartermaster Regiment, the unsung heroes of the mess hall, finally get their share of recognition in a series of pictures. In the top left is pictured a portion of Company F; a hard driving bunch of hellions who see to it that the General Staff of our division have sufficient transportation. These men are entrusted with the duties of caring for the staff vehicles as well as furnishing personal drivers for the Officers who are the brains behind the division moves. In the photo, some of the drivers are at work on their machines while the dispatcher receives a message over the telephone, set up in the field. In the top middle picture is shown the maintenance platoon of the Headquarters. They took their equipment on the maneuver, prepared to do repair work in the field. This unit was so well hidden, it took the photographer a half hour and a sore back to ride a jeep to their hideout. In the top right is shown the gasoline supply dump, also administered by a platoon of headquarters company. The gasoline is kept in ten gallon containers, allowing drivers to take an extra on long drives. Oil trucks deliver at the station in the field, refilling the cans. The bottom series depicts the work of the supply platoon. The gasoline supply and the food furnishing is handled by Captain Cecil F. Pfaff, division supply officer. At the left, one of the 900 turkeys eaten in the field is handed to a regimental representative. Each regiment collects its daily quota from a huge depot where all supplies are set apart according to their destination, as in the center shot. At the right is a small sample of the tremendous amount of food issued daily to one regiment. During the recent maneuver in Ocala National Forest, ice cream and fresh milk were delivered to the troops in the field. This is the first time on record that this has been accomplished. Over two hundred and thirty thousand dollars worth of food was consumed by the 31st division during the month of June.

Engineers Are

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which is going to be placed on a flat car and put in charge of a corps of engineers. Moving out of Blanding one hour earlier than the rest of the engineering regiment will be 15 vehicles—7 bulldozers, 7 air compressors and an earth auger. Each day these 15 motorized vehicles will travel in advance of the others. All along the 700-mile-odd journey, 26 quartermasters will alternate as drivers.

Here are some of the duties entrusted to the engineers: take care of all gravel roads, using a government gravel pit for material; build ramps and platforms at the site where all division troops will detrain in Louisiana; enroute to Louisiana and in that state, about 16 miles of side roads will be rebuilt and bridges constructed by one company which will drop off enroute and then move on to Louisiana later; 265 showers will be built for the use of the men during the big maneuvers; 20 turn-out bridges will be made, in addition to drainage ditches in the battle areas.

The engineers have already done a lot of work on the route over which the convoys will move in about two weeks. A recent reconnaissance brigade rebuilt many structures in conjunction with the highway departments of the several states.

When the go ahead signal is flashed, undoubtedly sometime Tuesday, the engineers will move out of the camp gates in two battalions or three companies each. Among the route they will bivouac for the night, working and traveling at a businesslike pace, overlooking nothing inroute.

Then, about a week after the engineers have encamped in Louisiana, the balance of the Dixie Division will start moving westward.

The 106th Engineers' Combat Regiment is composed of six letter companies—A, B, C, D, E, and F—a headquarters and service company, and the band. The bulk of the soldiers in this regiment come from Mississippi, with Florida also well-represented, and a sprinkling of men from Louisiana and a few other states.

PLACES TO VISIT IN LOUISIANA IF TIME IS AVAILABLE FOR TRIPS

By Private E. J. Land, Jr.

Where can we go while we're in Louisiana? What are the best places to see and how far are they from the maneuver area? Questions like these are beginning to arise in the minds of Dixie Division soldiers as the time for maneuvers in the Pelican State draws nearer. Many of them have never been to the "Land of the Cajun" and, not having the time to "discover" the state as they have had in Florida, will consequently be at a loss as to where to go, what to see and how to get there, if given the opportunity.

The city that draws more tourists than any other in the state is, of course, New Orleans. Called "Queen City of the South," this metropolis, approximately 200 miles from Dry Prong, is full of things to interest the soldier who wants to get a lot for a little.

The "city within a city," the French Quarter, which corresponds to Paris' Latin Quarter, is the main attraction of the city. Here will be found old buildings, many of them dating back to pre-Revolutionary days; quaint little shops selling all sorts of curios; art galleries; sidewalk cafes; and restaurants that sell the best in French food.

Other attractions of the city are the Huey P. Long bridge, the largest spanning the Mississippi; the newly-enlarged airport; and the widest thoroughfare in the world, Canal Street.

Not the least of the attractions of the city, for the soldier at least, is the huge Armed Services recreational area that has been built on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain. Corresponding to Florida's Jacksonville and Daytona beaches, the Pontchartrain area in addition offers free food and beds to all wearing a uniform.

The nearest city of any size to the Division's probable base, Dry Prong, is Alexandria, about twenty miles away. Before four Army camps were built in the nearby vicinity, Alexandria had 26,000 people. Now the population is about 70,000. However, prices are reasonable and the soldier will be able to find many things to entertain him.

Another of the drawing points of the state, only about 100 miles from Dry Prong, is the capitol city, Baton Rouge. Here soldiers may see the state university; the state capitol building, the tallest in the South, and, on the grounds, the grave of Huey Long and the location of the home of Zachary Taylor; the world's largest oil refinery; oil fields and a new trans-Mississippi bridge.

About 200 miles northwest of

Dry Prong is the second city of the state, Shreveport. The traveling soldier can view here the world's largest airport, Barksdale Field, and the oil fields which are the city's chief money makers.

If the Division is to be based in Lake Charles, in the southern part of the state, the scenically-rich Teche and Evangeline country will be open to its soldiers. People in this section of the state are of French descent and retain many of the customs and much of the language of their mother country.

Lake Charles is in the heart of the rice-growing and sugar-raising section of Louisiana. Nearby is Crowley, the rice capitol of the United States, and sugar mills dot the landscape over this entire section.

Many of the smaller towns are worthy of note. St. Francisville, a few miles north of Baton Rouge, with its ante-bellum homes; Convent, on the Mississippi River north of New Orleans, with its old Catholic college; and Grammercy, a few miles from Convent, where the world's largest sugar refinery is located, all offer a contrast to every-day life that should interest a soldier who has a few hours' time to spend away from the Army.

Special calls to the people of the state have gone out from the office of Governor Sam Jones to entertain the soldiers the best they know how, so, wherever he goes, Johnny Blanding can be assured of having a good time.

Recreation Officer Leaves For School

The 116th Field Artillery lost its enterprising and resourceful recreation officer, Second Lieutenant Woodrow W. Dickey Saturday to a three months' air observation course at Maxwell Field, Ala. First Lieutenant William H. Hancock, Jr., also of the 116th, is attending the same school.

Selectees Complete Roster Of 116th F. A.

The 116th Field Artillery received a contingent of 17 Selective Service soldiers Wednesday, July 2, bringing the regiments enlisted strength to 1,137. The new soldiers come "ready trained" from Ft. Sill, Okla.

They were inducted four months ago at Camp Grant, Illinois; spent three weeks of basic training there, and were sent to Ft. Sill for "polishing."

All are from the middle western states of North and South Dakota, Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa. Among the newcomers is a cook, painter, carpenter, driver, and a telephone operator. Blanding is a nice place compared to their former cantonments, they say.

One of the group, Private Oliver G. Becken, a cook, was immediately assigned to Headquarters Battery and is the first and only selectee in this organization—it was at full strength when the regiment received its other selectees. The lone vacancy occurred when one soldier joined the regular Army.

31st Division Adjutant Praises Ocala Citizens

Following the holiday week-end at Ocala, Lt. Col. T. D. Nettles, adjutant general and coordination officer for the period, paid tribute to the officials, businessmen and residents of Ocala for their co-operation and courtesies extended to the soldiers whose post-payday activities taxed the town's facilities to the utmost.

Col. Nettles stated: "Ocala and its officials and residents have every reason to be proud of the part they played in entertaining and feeding and housing the hundreds of 31st Division men who visited there. They did an excellent job under most trying circumstances and at the same time the men of the Division proved themselves, in the main, gentlemen and worthy representatives of the armed service by their fine conduct."

116th To Be Feted

A hundred enlisted men of the 116th Field Artillery are invited to attend a dance honoring that regiment next Wednesday night in Jacksonville. The dance is sponsored by the American Legion Post Number 88 of Jacksonville and will be held out in the St. Johns River aboard the Legionnaires' house boat. The girls will be from Jacksonville.

Lt. Woodrow W. Dickey, 116th

Recreation Officer, announced that the "chose 100" will be selected on—daring ability and character. Arrangements for the frolic were made by Earl Martz, chairman of Post 88's arrangements committee. The dancers will be conveyed free to and from Jacksonville in regimental vehicles.

Former World's Champ Says Condition Counts

Pete Sarron, former world's featherweight boxing champion received a taste of another kind of physical endurance and skill on the march to and from the Ocala forest. Pete was observed trudging along the River Road to Orange Springs carrying a pack almost the length of his short stature, as he kept pace with his outfit, HQ Det., 3rd Bn., 167th Inf.

"This marching business is like any athletics," Pete said, "you have to keep in good shape—it's the training that counts."

"Little Cans" Prove Loaded With Gas

All was serene at the Regimental CP of the 124th Infantry early Monday morning when a car dashed out of the trees tossing little cans at random. Consternation reigned supreme as the entire area was covered with gas that spewed from the cans. Everyone frantically grabbed for their gas masks but not before some got a taste of the gas—taste enough to discover that it wasn't simulated gas. Fortunately the direction of the wind made the attack less severe.

Friendly Town An Oasis To Returning Soldiers

Orange Springs proved an oasis to the sun-baked foot troops of the division Wednesday when Postmaster and Mrs. Rast of that town placed icewater where the troops could scoop it up as they passed on the return march to Camp Blanding. The people of that community were extremely courteous, doing everything they could to administer to the throat-parched soldiers.

Request Granted

This is a story to inform readers that a Technical Sergeant of Headquarters, 167th Inf., demanded that his name never appear in the Dixie again after last issue. He was unfortunately referred to as a Staff Sgt. The Dixie is glad to honor his request.

116th Pleased With Laundry

The 116th Field Artillery is now full of enthusiasm and compliments about the Camp Laundry. The government cleaners are giving the boys one day service and have recovered and returned nearly all the articles lost in their plant during the first weeks of operation.

"We take our laundry over now on Monday and get it back on Tuesday, or by Wednesday at the latest," one supply sergeant stated. "They've found all our lost items, too. We believe they ought to get a god plug on their service now, especially after all the kicks they used to get."

Tonsorial Artists

Pvts. Travis Tate and Gibson Clowers went to Daytona Beach with the 117th F. A. convoy the Fourth of July and were all set to enjoy the holiday but first decided each needed a shave. Looking around, the two privates located a barber shop but it was overflowing with soldiers. Something had to be done, the two men simply had to be served, but how? It was Pvt. Clowers who solved the problem by renting two razors, soap, towels, shaving lotion and the use of the shop's huge mirror. Pvts. Tate and Clowers shaved themselves and it only cost them a dime apiece!

Fort Benning Soldier Refuses Ocala Offer

The soldier had been having a few drinks at Ocala and the M. P.s were escorting him to a truck to haul him back to the Ocala National Forest encampment. "Don't send me to Camp Blanding. I don't want to go there," said the inebriate to his military police escorts.

"We're not, buddy, we're taking you back to the Forest."

"That's just it," protested the trainee, "I'm from Fort Benning."

117th Baseball Team Picked From All Units

When the "Rebels," potential baseball team of the 117th Field Artillery, are finally chosen and team begins functioning, all will concede that the best players in the regiment are represented.

To provide a play-off, each battalion picked a team and the best qualified are to be drawn from them and a regimental team organized. This way all interested are given a chance.

106th Q. M. Sgt. Returns From Two-Month School

Sgt. Fabian V. Husley, Headquarters Company, 106th Quartermaster Regiment, is returning to his organization after spending two months at the Quartermaster School, Philadelphia. He was one of 127 soldiers who received a graduation certificate from Colonel H. L. Whittaker, commandant of the School.

Previous to joining the Army Sgt. Husley was assistant secretary of the Biloxi, Miss., Chamber of Commerce. He returns to his regiment Monday after enjoying a furlough at his home.

Hardship Endured By Infantry Soldiers

Twas a tale no one would have believed, the one that Pvt. Ben F. Holcomb, Stf. Sgt. Bennett Waites and their companions told upon arriving a few hours late in camp Sunday night.

Near Perry, Fla., with plenty of time to make the midnight deadline, the party discovered the road washed out ahead. Seeking a way to beat the deadline a native civilian told them of a CCC trail upon which they could detour.

They plowed through hub-deep sand, still deeper mud, through a swamp, over logs meeting almost every obstacle imaginable but they made it.

Stumps And Sgts., Came To Him

Pvt. Tommy Lee Beauchamp, Co. D, 167th Inf., lay exhausted on the ground Monday morning after a strenuous week-end. Sgt. Mike Gibbons and Cpl. "Dummy" Echols put a blanket over him to keep him from catching cold. Whether it was nightmares or something else that had no regard for fatigue no one rightly knew but Tommy raised up at regular intervals, kicked viciously at a stump and mumbled distinctly: "Move over Mike."

50,132 Gallons Of Gas Used In One Week

Have you ever wondered how much gasoline the Dixie Division uses in just one week? According to the gasoline platoon of Headquarters Company, 106th Quartermaster Division used 50,132 gallons of gasoline from June 30 to July 7, quite a bit of fuel in any language.

New Armory Dedicated With Dance Back Home

Nearly the entire personnel of Headquarters Battery, 116th Field Artillery, from St. Petersburg, Florida, conveyed down to their home town Friday night, July 4, to dedicate their new National Guard Armory with a dance and program. The soldiers were joined at the dance by wives, sweethearts, parents and friends, and cold drinks and sandwiches were enjoyed between numbers.

During intermission, Colonel Homer W. Hesterly, commander of the 116th, presented five-year service medals to the following battery members: First Sergeant Henry Hill, Staff Sergeants Harrison Phoenix, Alvin Garver, and William Breaker, Corporal Jack Boggs and Private Dean Mountain. Master Sergeant Walter J. Bogart will receive a medal on his return from Artillery School at Ft. Sill, Okla. All the men were natives of St. Petersburg. Lt. George H. Crill, former commander of the Battery, was presented with a leather field map case by the organization. Capt. John E. Martin, recently returned from Ft. Sill, Okla., Field Artillery School and new Battery commander, was introduced and made a brief speech of appreciation. The new St. Petersburg Armory is one of the most modernistic buildings in the city.

New Floor Show

The Roosevelt Hotel, Jacksonville, announces the opening of another new show in the Patio Grill. In their cast of over 20 are included several stars of stage, screen and radio. A description of the new unit reads in part:

"Another good show at the Roosevelt Patio!! The Kiddoodlers, stage, screen, and radio stars are the hit of the show. They were formerly on Bing Crosby's program and many other network commercials. The Beverly Twins and their all twin orchestra furnish the music for the show and for dancing. Incidentally, The Beverly Twins are appearing on the Fitch Bandwagon, Sunday, August 10th."

Blanding Population

What is the soldier population of Camp Blanding? The question can now be answered, officially.

There are 50,600 men in camp.

Blanding is exceeded in the South only by Fort Bragg, N. C., which has a population of 60,900.

Finance Section

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can imagine what a job it is to compute the pay and allowances due each individual. There are 165 pay rolls submitted in duplicate each month. The original of these rolls are signed by the men. By each man's name on these rolls is the data on which his pay is computed. The rolls are balanced, a change list made for each and a master change list made for the bank. Rolls must be so balanced that the exact change is secured from the bank. Some of the items on the June change list showed 50,259 ten dollar bills, 30,406 one dollar bills, 9,145 dimes and 14,488 pennies.

The Division Finance Officer arranges through the Chief of Finance to have sufficient funds placed to his credit with the Treasury of the United States as a checking account. He is authorized to draw checks against this account for pay, etc. due to the Division personnel. Officers are paid by such checks.

Officer's pay consists of base, longevity, subsistence, rental and flying pay. The Finance Section calculates the amount of each of these due each officer and keeps a separate account against each. Officers and men ordered to travel are entitled to receive allowances for travel, the amount being determined by the orders issued. The distance, whether travel is made by rail, private auto, government auto, plane, etc. determines the amount to be paid. Official mileage distances are determined between points over which travel is authorized when payment is due on a mileage basis.

Men are being discharged every day and final payment is made to each such man. The reason of discharge determines what travel allowances, if any, each is entitled to in addition to any pay due.

In addition to providing for the pay and allowances due Division personnel the section has to be ready to go on field maneuvers with the Division. It moves by trucks, loads its own equipment and sets up its own tent office. The men are equipped as other field soldiers and armed with the pistol.

Reporter

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ticing the laggard soldier, who might be impeded by illness or injury, and he sees to it that attention is given the soldier needing it.

It is difficult to deceive the General. One night before starting out on a problem, an officer approached the General's car for instructions. When he left after a few minutes of conversation, General Persons asked his aide whether Captain Blank chewed tobacco or gum. His observing eyes had noticed an obstruction in the officer's mouth while the latter talked.

Although a stern task-maker, General Persons is not without a sense of humor. On field inspections, in his talks with officers he is quick to note and comment upon the oddities and sometimes comical incidents which occur quite often when the Division is out on a field problem. The General likes a good laugh as well as the next fellow.

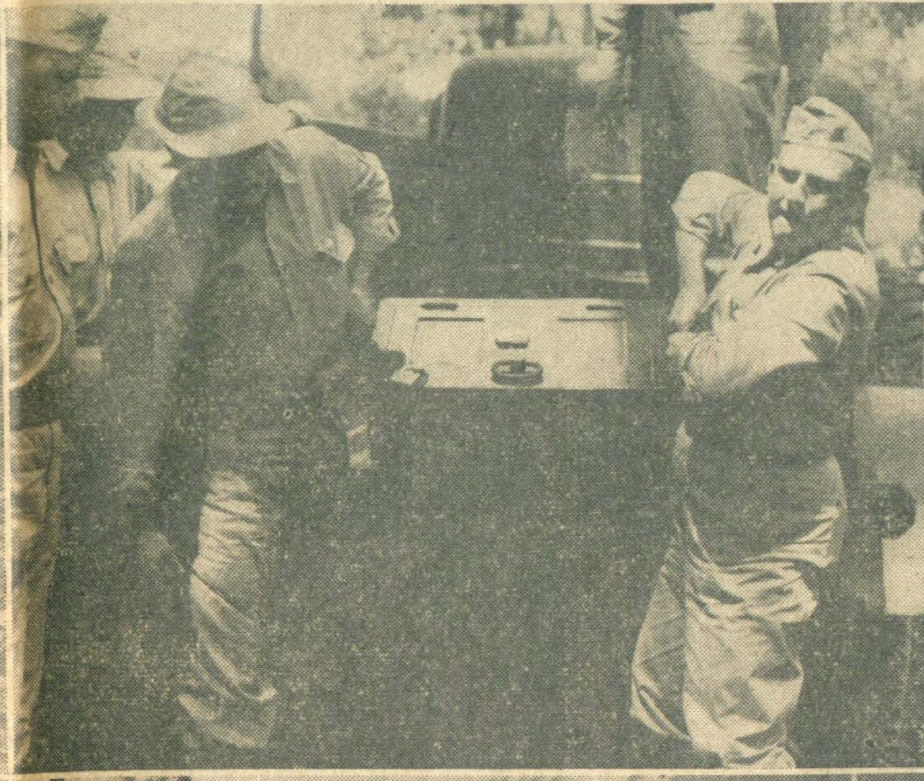
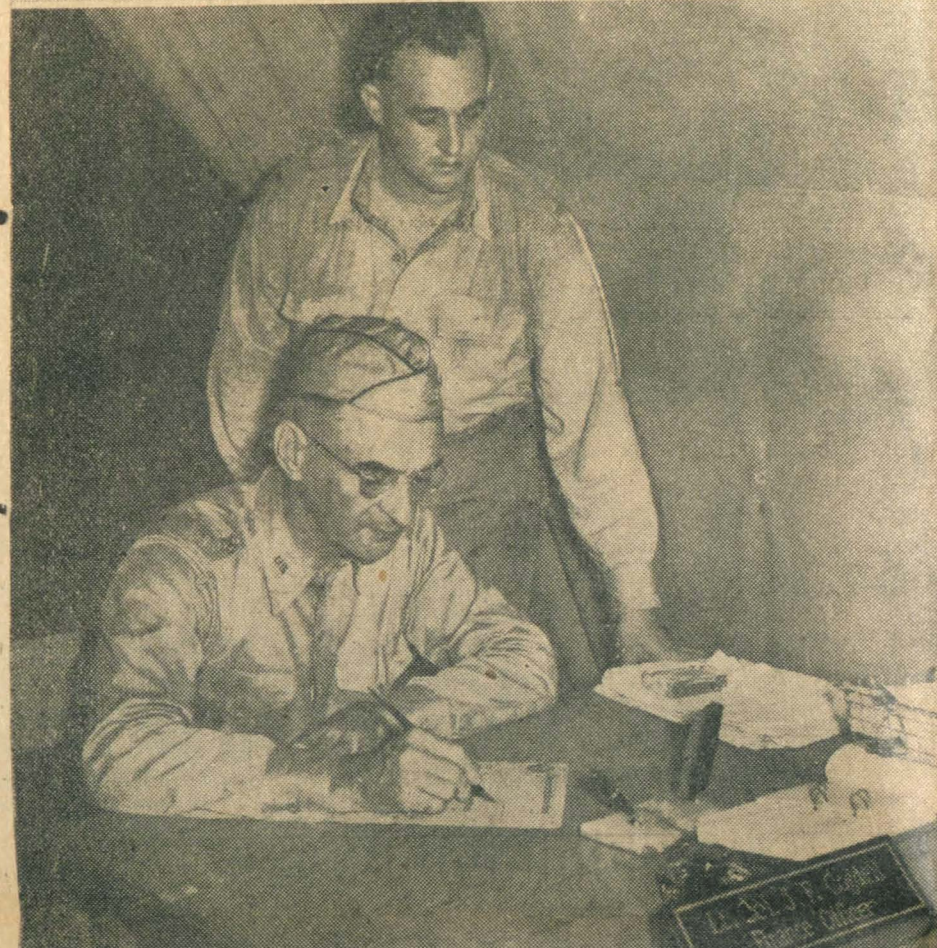
Soldiers like you and I do our duty in the main and let it go at that. But not General Persons. Devoted to the task of making the 31st Division an outstanding one, he is constantly working on ideas for greater military efficiency. His officers find him receptive to new ideas at all times and he has evolved many of his own. His plan for a separate reconnaissance unit for the Division—an innovation for a square division—has won great praise, and his enthusiasm for "Thompsonville," the Hollywood-like false-front village, contributed greatly to the success of the project.

Even a youngster knows an establishment is good when it is built well at the foundation; the Dixie Division has an outstanding man and an outstanding soldier as its leader, in this soldier's observations from a good vantage spot. I rode with him; all of us can do no better than ride and drive as hard as he does.

Helpful Advice

Question for pondering: Why on Sunday night couldn't 114 F. A. men who were inquiring the whereabouts of that regiment in the distant removed 167th Inf., area and the 167th men who were seeking that regiment near the 114th's bivouac have been men from the 114th inquiring at the 114th and the 167th strays asking directions from 167th sleepers?

A Million Dollar Special Delivery



Shown in the pictures above is the Division's Finance Department at work, sixty miles from their office, seeing to it that the men receive their pay on time. Upper right two husky soldiers are carrying one of the heavy money boxes from the truck to the tent-office. Upper left is pictured the Military Police guard which safely guarded the "swag" from Jacksonville. Right center shows Lt. Colonel J. F. Cogdell, head of the Finance Department, passing a bag of the precious green to Major William T. Barrett, executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 167th Infantry. Left center pictures Col. Cogdell at work, with 2nd Lt. C. G. Metcalf, one of his assistants, looking on. Bottom right reveals the non-coms of the department at work with their most important tools, and the last shot has Captain John G. MacFarlan of the 124th Infantry carrying away some of the coin that cheers under a heavy guard.

Yehudi Revealed

This mysterious person, "Yehudi" is at it again. He seems to recognize no rank.

Capt. Wm. B. Hardegree, commanding officer Anti-Tank Company, 167th Infantry, was riding in his reconnaissance car along bumpy Road 18 in Ocala National Forest with Lt. Samuels and their staff. The car hit a big bump and something "conked" the captain on the head raising a "hickey." He looked at all of the faces around him to discover his attacker then exclaimed, rubbing his head:

"Damn it, I know one of you hit me."

Yehudi, this time, was a flashlight that had fallen from the top of the "Jeep" where it had been stuck for convenience.

Pvt. Meets, Woos, Weds On 72-Hour Ocala Pass

For nigh onto 26 years, Private Gustave Heausler of the 106th

Medical Regiment has escaped the charms of girls in gay old New Orleans. But it too kan Ocala beauty only two days to move Heausler out of the ranks of the bachelors and into matrimony. While on his 72-hour leave from the Ocala National Forest, Private Heausler met, wooed and won the fair Florida damsel. Best man for the happy and surprise occasion was Private Gene Prautaus, who is the first cook of Company A. Now when you see Heausler writing a letter each day, you can be sure it's not going to New Orleans. It's Ocala bound!

Takes No Chances

Selectee-Private Hardie Elrod, Company I, 167th Infantry has developed into a model soldier. He has become so thoroughly steeped in army custom and tradition that he jumps to attention and calls "Attention!" each time an officer enters his tent even though he may be the only occupant.

156th Pvt. Loses \$60 By Week-End K. P. Duty

To some soldiers, the horrors of K. P. duty in the field are only imagined, but to Pvt. E. E. Flotboetter, Headquarters Co., 156th Inf., they can be felt in dollars and cents. When Pvt. Flotboetter was ordered to do K. P. duty over the Fourth of July week-end, it cost him exactly \$60, or \$20 for each of the three days he worked. You see, Flotboetter in his spare time is a midget auto racer and he had been offered that much to drive a car in the midget auto races in Tampa.

Engineers Work Hard As Maneuvers Approach

Perhaps there's a reason why the 106th Engineers work faster and more furiously on each passing day. On July 15, Colonel Harry Hulen's regiment will move on to Louisiana as an advance working unit for the forthcoming maneuvers. Some of the Engin-

ers are from Louisiana, and after all they will be closer to home. And the same goes for the Mississippi boys. Nobody can say that those Engineers haven't their work cut out for them during the next two or three weeks, and just after doing so much on the march to Ocala National Forest.

167th Battle Halted When "Foe" Recognized

An alert detachment of Anti-Tank company, 167th Inf., was maintaining a road block on the Blue army front Monday night when they observed a patrol stealthfully crawling through the lines. They immediately began matching the patrol stealth for stealth until both forces crawled into each other. A brisk rough and tumble ensued, each man trying to capture a prisoner. The scuffle might have continued until dawn had not Anti-Tank Sgt. A. G. Davis, discovered that the patrol was one from Company E, 167th Infantry, a friendly outfit.

Troops Show Speed In Crossing Bridge

The foot troops of the Dixie Division crossed the footbridge over the Oklawaha river on the return march to Camp Blanding Wednesday in the fast time of 1 hour and 50 minutes, much less than was required for the crossing on the march south.

The 167th Infantry crossed in the shortest time requiring only 19 minutes, according to Brig. General Joseph C. Hutchinson, 62nd Brigade commander. The 124th Infantry was second with a 24 minute time.

Well Hula'd Thought It?

The Third Battalion, 167th Infantry, describes Capt. Ollie Mabry's exhibition of drum majoring and "hulating" was nothing short of sensational. They said he must have been a band leader somewhere. He augmented his performance with a native hula, much to the delight of the following troops. All along the line of march, the Captain entertained.

43rd Soldier Feted When Lost In Woods

A Yankee soldier from the 43rd Division found out the real meaning of southern hospitality Sunday when he was picked up in Ocala by mistake by a 31st Division truck and brought to the maneuver area instead of to Camp Blanding, as he expected.

The soldier, a member of the 118th Quartermaster Regiment, was spending the week-end in Ocala where hundreds of Southern soldiers were also enjoying their 72-hour holiday. When a truck marked "Quartermaster Regiment" began picking up troops late Sunday night, he naturally expected it was one of his own vehicles bound for camp.

The Yank fell asleep enroute and discovered his error only when he was dumped out into the bivouac area of the 106th Quartermaster Regiment. The lost soldier was turned over to Capt. William D. Smith, Jr., regimental recreational officer for the 106th, who found a comfortable cot for him in one of the nearby wall tents.

Early the next day, Lt. S. W. Bullock returned from active duty in the field to his tent to find this stranger snoozing in his bed. Momentarily the lieutenant was indignant, but upon investigation found that Capt. Smith had ordered the soldier to sleep in his quarters out of a general feeling of hospitality to the man from the 43rd Division.

Lt. Bullock is considering having signs made "Beds for Rent" for the next maneuver trip and he has agreed to hire the generous Capt. Smith as his general solicitor.

106th Medical Cook Concocts Creole Food

When Company A of the 106th Medical Regiment goes to Louisiana for the maneuvers in August and September, the appetizing Creole dishes won't be new to them. The first cook of A—Private Gene Paratus—can really concoct Louisiana food. One of his big features is delicious red gravy, which always makes the boys say: "Paratus fix you up," whenever the gravy smell is detected. The student cooks of the 43rd Division, who at present are attached to various Dixie companies, are getting first-hand information from Paratus.

Birthday Celebrated On Ocala Maneuver

Sgts. Herbert J. Hall and Bill Ellington, Co. A, 124th Inf., were the honorees of that outfit last week when they celebrated their birthdays. Sgt. Hall, a fourteen-year veteran, was thirty-five years old. He enjoyed a fried chicken dinner in Ocala Forest, a coincidence in that the company menu called for it that day. Sgt. Ellington, supply sergeant, received his congratulations by remote control since he remained in Camp Blanding during the Ocala trek. He wasn't forgotten, however, for he received a birthday cake and a much-needed electric fan as presents.

Soldier Is Polite Then Rude To The N'th

An Anti-Tank company soldier, 124th Inf., was very polite to his bed mate Monday morning being particularly careful not to awaken him when he got up. The private stealthfully crawled backwards from his pup tent leaving his friend sleeping in the warmth of the blanket. Once outside the tent the soldier suddenly dropped his polite air, picked up a club and with the aid of other soldiers clubbed the sleeping bed-mate to death.

The bed mate was a five-foot rattle-snake that had sought the warmth of the blanket during the night.

Speedy Entrucking Explained By Private

Someone commented upon the speed with which certain companies of the second battalion, 167th Infantry entrucked Monday morning, their fatigued appearance notwithstanding. The phenomenon explained itself however for one soldier dryly hurried the man ahead of him with:

"Hurry up and get on before they decide to make us walk."

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FOUND—Tropical hat and camera, found in Miami, Fla. Owner can secure same at desk of Victor Hotel.